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Femtosecond Broad-Band Sum Frequency Generation Spectroscopy: Measurements of Ethanol Fuel Cell Catalysis

### **ABSTRACT**

This is a fundamental science project relevant to ethanol fuel cells (DEFCs). We studied ethanol electrooxidation (EOR) on polycrystaline platinum in acidic and alkaline media. The method used was the broadband sum-frequency generation (BB-SFG) spectroscopy that we connected to the solid/liqid interfacial research for the first time. In both alkaline and acidic media we monitored oxidation of isotopically labeled ethanol ((12)CH(3)-(13)CH(2)OH). Surface-adsorbed (12)CO and (13)CO were observed and showed different potential-dependent behaviors. The 12CO showed evidence of methyl-like species formation (–12CHx) that was difficult to oxidize to CO2; the 12CHx, was found not to be oixdatively removed until the electrode potential was swept past 0.65 V. In sulfuric acids the results included adsorbed acetate and co-adsorbed sulfuric acid anions. For the DEFC cathode, the Co-OEP macrocycle was chosen and characterized with both Raman and BBSFG spectroscopies. The emphasis was given to V11 transition at 1577 cm-1, as this band shifted in frequency as the transition metal center was changed. There is no Stark tuning effect associated with the Co-OEP macrocycle adsorption.

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- 1. (invited) ACS Colloids and Surface Chemistry Symposium, Columbia University, June 2009, "Vibrational dynamics at interfaces probed by vibrational sum-frequency generation spectroscopy".
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- 3. (invited) Army Research Office Review of Nano-engineered energetic materials, Aberdeen, MD, Mar. 2010, "Ultrafast dynamics of NEEMs".
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- 8. (invited) "Interfaces under extreme conditions", Oct. 2011, Rice University Department of Chemistry
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- 10. (invited) "Nonlinear coherent vibrational spectroscopy of electrochemical transformations", American Chemical Society National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA Aug. 2012.
- 11. (invited) The Nanyang Technological University (NTU), "Broad-Band Vibrational Sum Frequency Generation of Surface CO on Pt(hkl) Electrodes", Singapore, August 7, 2008.
- 12. (invited) 235th ACS National Meeting, "The Power of Broad-Band Sum Frequency Generation", Philadelphia, PA, August 19, 2008.
- 13. (invited) The ISE International Meeting, Seville, Spain, "Update on the Use of BB-SFG in Electrochemical Research", September 10, 2008.
- 14. (invited) Chemistry Department of the Warsaw University, Poland: "Vibrational BB-SFG Applied to Study of Electrochemical Interfaces", March 20, 2009.
- 15. (invited) Warsaw Technical University, Warsaw, Poland, "Fuel Cell Lectures and Seminars", March 27 April 3, 2009.
- 16. (invited) The International Society of Electrochemistry, "The Use of Spectroscopy in Research on Electrocatalysis and Fuel Cell Catalysis" ISE 60th, Beijing, August 16-21, 2009.
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- 18. (invited) ACS Meeting, San Francisco, CA, "BB-SFG and Electrochemistry of Ethanol Intermediates in Acidic and Basic Media", March 21-25, 2010.
- 19. (invited) A lecture given during 2010 Electrochemistry GRC involving focus on BB-SFG, January 10 15, 2010.
- 20. (invited) CECAM conference on quantum electrochemistry, "BB-SFG and Electrochemistry of Ethanol Intermediates in Acidic and Basic Media", Lausanne Switzerland, July 12-14, 2010.
- 21. (invited) International Symposium on Portable Fuel Cells, November 3-5, 2010, Changxing, China, "Broadband Sum-Frequency

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22. (invited) USA-Poland Consultations on Science and Technology, Warsaw, Poland, May 20-21, 2010.			
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12/03/2012 15.00 Björn Braunschweig, Prabuddha Mukherjee, Robert B. Kutz, Armin Rumpel, Kathrin Engelhardt, Wolfgang Peukert, Dana D. Dlott, Andrzej Wieckowski. Spectroscopy of Electrified Interfaces with Broadband Sum-Frequency Generation: From Electrocatalysis to Protein Foams, New Jersey: Book chapter, (03 2013)

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## **Patents Submitted**

20060210867; Membraneless electrochemical cell and microfluidic device without pH constraint.

20030198852; Fuel cells and fuel cell catalysts.

## **Patents Awarded**

Licensed to LANL, New Mexico:

S-118967 : 2010 "Chalcogen Catalysts for Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells." This patent covers the catalyst itself and a method of making MEA using the catalyst.

## Awards

Gold Medal of the International Society of Electrochemistry (ISE), 2007 DDD: William H. and Janet G. Lycan Professor of Chemistry at UIUC, 2009

AW: Fellow of ISE (the International Society of Electrochemistry), 2009

Chair APS Topical Group on Shock Compression of Condensed Matter, 2008

External Review Panel, Los Alamos National Laboraratory LDRD, Apr. 2008.

Jupiter Laser Facility Program Advisory Committee, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2008

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Robert Brien Kutz	0.50	
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Prabuddha Mukherjee	0.20	
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D. D. Dlott	0.05	
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This is a fundamental science project relevant to ethanol fuel cells (DEFCs). The main project accomplishements is evidence towards methyl-like species formation (–12CHx) during ethonol decomposition on platinum. This may be the stable surface intermediate that discreeminates between methanol and ethanol oxidation. We explained why it is better to use alkaline media (than acidic media) to oxidize ethanol (0.2 V difference in activating ethanol between the two media). We have studied adsorbed CO and formic acid; the study of CO is complete. We identified the formate as one of the adsorbate components of HCOOH, in support of work by Osawa et al. The major contribution to science during the last project year is also the study of DEFC cathode (or ful cells in general and for DE. The Co-OEP macrocycle was chosen (due to earlier NSF supported results), and characterized with both Raman and BBSFG spectroscopies (rectivity vs. characterization). Particular emphasis was given to the V11 transition at 1577 cm-1, as this band shifted in frequency as the transition metal center is changed. Changing the applied potential did not change the observed BB-SFG frequencies, and we conclude that there is no Stark tuning effect associated with Co-OEP macrocycle adsorption (as a cathode of DEFC fuel cell

We have concluded that BB-SFG is a powerful tool for in-situ observation of key moecular vibrations.

**Technology Transfer**